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COUNTRY: JORDAN

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DOI : 20-21 FEBRUARY 1970

SUBJECT: 1. HAJ AMIN HUSAYNI'S LETTER TO KING HUSAYN REGARDING
YASIR ARAFAT'S FEARS OF ATTACK ON FEDAYEEN BY JORDAN
ARMY.
2. HUSAYNI'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE KING USE THIS
AS BARGAINING ADVANTAGE AGAINST FEDAYEEN.

ACQ : JORDAN, AMMAN (27 FEBRUARY 1970) FIELD NO. NJA-7595

SOURCE : A SENIOR JORDANIAN OFFICIAL WHOSE REPORTING OVER
SEVERAL YEARS HAS BEEN RELIABLE. HE READ HUSAYNI'S
LETTER TO THE KING.

1. HAJ AMIN H U S A Y N I SENT A SECRET MESSAGE TO
KING HUSAYN ON 21 FEBRUARY, REPORTING A CONVERSATION HAJ AMIN
HAD WITH YASIR A R A F A T, HEAD OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION
ORGANIZATION AND FATAH, IN BEIRUT ON 20 FEBRUARY. HAJ AMIN
STATED THAT ARAFAT HAD STOPPED BRIEFLY IN BEIRUT ENROUTE FROM

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MOSCOW TO AMMAN, WHERE HE WAS TO HEAD THE FEDAYEEN DELEGATION IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN. ARAFAT REQUESTED AN URGENT MEETING WITH HAJ AMIN TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN JORDAN BEFORE RETURNING THERE. HAJ AMIN REPORTED THAT ARAFAT SEEMED CONVINCED THE KING INTENDED TO USE THE ARMY TO CRUSH THE FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT IN JORDAN. ARAFAT URGED HAJ AMIN TO INTERCEDE WITH THE KING TO PREVENT THIS. HAJ AMIN TOLD ARAFAT THAT HAJ AMIN KNEW THE KING VERY WELL AND HE WAS CERTAIN THE KING WOULD TREAT THE FEDAYEEN FAIRLY IF THEY BEHAVED THEMSELVES. HE POINTED OUT THAT, AS ARAFAT WELL KNEW, THE FEDAYEEN HAD NOT BEEN BEHAVING. HAJ AMIN TOLD ARAFAT THAT IF HE AND HIS FOLLOWERS WOULD COMPLY WITH THE KING'S REGULATIONS, HE WAS CERTAIN THE KING WOULD NOT EMPLOY THE ARMY AGAINST THEM.

2. HAJ AMIN EMPHASIZED IN HIS MESSAGE TO THE KING THAT ARAFAT WAS CLEARLY VERY WORRIED THAT THE KING WOULD USE THE ARMY AGAINST THE FEDAYEEN, WHICH ARAFAT SEEMED EXTREMELY EAGER TO AVOID AT ANY COST. HAJ AMIN ADVISED THE KING THAT IN VIEW OF ARAFAT'S FEARS, THE KING WAS IN A VERY GOOD BARGAINING POSITION VIS A VIS THE FEDAYEEN AND SHOULD TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF IT.

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